

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 83  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ray Williams, former Mayor of Spring Hill.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Mayor Ray Williams, an exemplary public servant and human being who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Ray Williams served as Mayor of the City of Spring Hill from 1999 until his death on January 24, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Ray Williams served with acumen and alacrity as Mayor of Spring Hill, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious tenure, Mayor Williams was able to accomplish progressive improvements for the city, including, providing the city with its own water treatment plant, Emergency 911 service, and a "Taxpayer Bill of Rights," a resolution that requires the board to get prior public approval of any tax increase through a referendum; and

WHEREAS, as charismatic as he was hard-working, Mayor Williams gained statewide notoriety as a champion for lower taxes. With a goal of eliminating the city's property tax, Mayor Williams successfully lowered the rate for five straight years without sacrificing other important city services; and

WHEREAS, during his time as Mayor, Ray Williams had the privilege of watching Spring Hill become one of the fastest growing cities in America; he always considered top priority what would best benefit the city and its residents; and

WHEREAS, before his renowned career as Mayor of Spring Hill, Ray Williams was a 1975 graduate of Columbia Central High School and worked as a builder and developer for a

commendable twenty years. His amazing work ethic and dedication also led him to serve as a co-owner of Spring Hill Mini-Warehouses and as a part-time farmer; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Williams was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, for twenty-seven years, Mayor Ray Williams enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Cindy Cathey Williams, who is the current County Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Ray Williams leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Mayor Ray Williams, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to providing the best for the City of Spring Hill and its many residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mayor Ray Williams.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.